findings of the committee on each of these bulk drugs;

(d) whether Government have taken any decision on the findings of the Standing Committee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) Sir, a large number of representations pointing out various anomalies in the Kelkar Committee, including wrong inclusion/ exclusion of bulk drugs from price control under DPCO 1987, have been received. All these representations have been since examined by the Standing Committee whose recommendations are presently under consideration of the Government.

Imposition of duly and withdrawal of duty exemption on bulk drugs and inputs of drugs

2083. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 667 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and inputs of drugs where Government have received requests for imposing of duty and withdrawing of duty exemption during 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that availability of drug for Aids i.e. AZT is held up on account of duty exemption on its input;

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have received requests for imposition of duty on Vinblastine Vincrestine, Danazol and Etoposide;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon;

(f) whether it is also a fact that custom duty is zero on Etoposide formulations and excise duty on inputs for Production of bulk drug; and

(g) if so, what steps have been taken to take uniform action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Duty rationalisation on bulk drugs, intermediates and finished medicines is an on going process. Requests for hike or reduction in duty keep on coming and after consideration and examination in this Department, these are recommended to Department of Revenue which takes final decision in this regard.

(b) and (c) The proposal for duty exemption on import of inter-mediate for bulk drug AZT was sent to Ministry of Finance in May, 1991.

(d) and (e) The Government have received the request for imposition of duty on formulations of Etoposide only which is under consideration and examination.

(f) and (g) Yes, Sir. The request for withdrawal of customs duty concession on Etoposide formulatios and excise duty exemption on Etoposide bulk drug is under consideration and examination.

Revision of prices of drugs

2084. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs where Government have revised the prices from 1st January, 1991 to 30th November, 1991;

(b) what was the price of each before revision and what is the present price;

(c) what are the names of drugs where prices have been revised based on the recommendations of BICP and when recommendation was received;

(d) what are the names of drugs where Government revised prices on *suo motto* basis without any cost-cum-technical study and what is the percentage of increase in each case;

(e) whether it is a fact that *suo-motto* situation has been used to obtain dealer-

ship and extract other benefits by concerned officers from drug companies; and

(f) if so, names of the officers against whom instances of such nature have come to the notice of Government and action taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) To the extent information available, prices of 131 bulk drugs have been revised from January 1991 to 30th November 1991) *vide* different notifications issued from time to time, copies of which are available in the Library of Parliament.

(c) and (d) The prices of bulk drugs are fixed by this Ministry on the basis of cost-cum-technical studies conducted by BICP and their examination in this Department. Government has received several reports from BICP in connection with cost-cum-technical studies of bulk drugs and the prices have been fixed after examination of recommendations of BICP which have been notified in the Gazette of India from time to time. The BICP reports are an input for our decision making in the process of price fixation. Recently the Government revised the prices of 54 bulk drugs giving the impact of change in exchange rate of rupee against major foreign currencies in accordance with the data available with the Government and in consultation with the BICP.

(e) and (f) No such instance has come to the notice of the Government.

Drug companies operation under FERA and MRTP

2085. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drug companies operating under FERA and MRTP in the country;

(b) what are the names of drugs being produced by each company and what was the production of each drug by each company during the last three years; yearwise;

(c) what is the stage from which each drug is produced and what is the import content in each case; and

(d) whether it is a fact that none of these companies are supplying bulk drugs to non-associated formultors as required under Para 6.11 of Measures 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) To the extent the information is available, the details are given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) These details are not monitored.

(d) No, Sir.

Statement

List of FERA/MRTP companies as on 1-4-1990

Name of the company	Item of Manufacture		Production		
			1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
		(A/c Unit)			
Bayer (India) . . .	Chloroquine Phosphate	T	29.87	30.73	30.86
	Mebhydroline	T	..	19.15	16.09
IEL . . .	Propronol	T	3.45	3.05	3.34